

What's New With Balanced Assessment by Formative Back to School 2026-2027?

Discover new and updated daily instruction and assessment features to drive data-informed decisions across the classroom, building, and district.

Available Now Luna Configuration Studio

Ensure rigor and consistency in AI-generated assessments districtwide with Luna Configuration Studio. Set clear guardrails to align assessments with standards while leveraging the resulting data to guide teaching and district decisions.

- **Vetted Quality:** Pre-built configurations are powered by the Newsela Item Bank. Luna uses this human-vetted content to ensure the items it generates for your teachers meet the highest bar of academic rigor.
- **Actionable Data:** Pre-built configurations require standards tagging for every item created. This ensures your district leadership has a clear, data-driven view of mastery on your Insights page.
- **Immediate Alignment:** There is no heavy lifting required. These are designed to align with your instructional priorities from day one.

Available Now Luna Next Steps

Instantly analyze real-time performance data to pinpoint student gaps, then automatically generate and customize follow-up activities for targeted support.

Enhanced Item Bank

Instant access to a growing number of expertly written, high-quality items meticulously crafted for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies.

Updated Respondus LockDown Browser

Now available with easier set-up, clearer visibility into cheating, and the ability to restrict students to a single device.

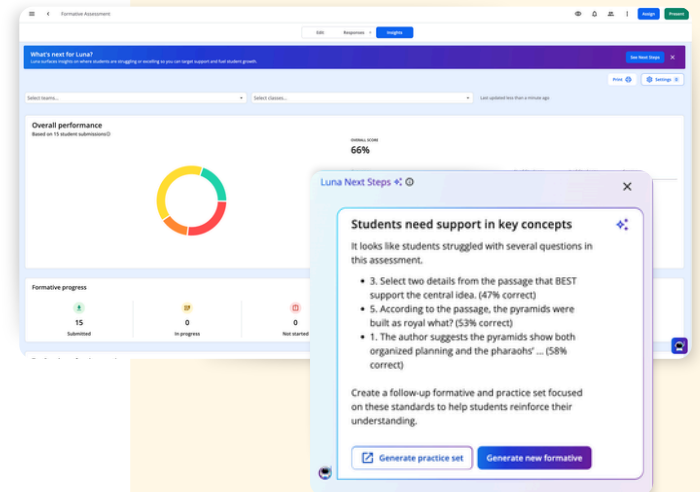
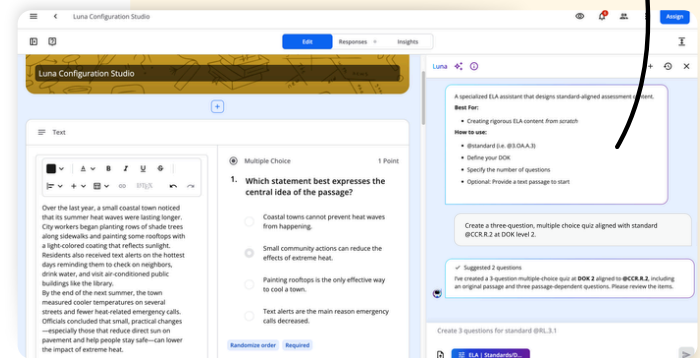
A specialized ELA assistant that designs standard-aligned assessment content.

Best For:

- Creating rigorous ELA content *from scratch*

How to use:

- @standard (i.e. @3.OAA.3)
- Define your DOK
- Specify the number of questions
- Optional: Provide a text passage to start



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Luna Updates

Available Now Grade with Luna

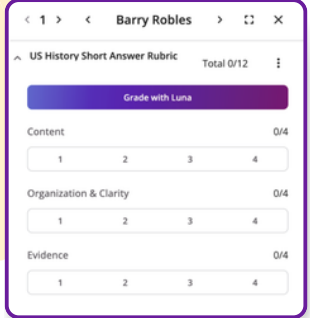
Use Luna to grade free response questions & generate a rubric when one is not available.

Available Now Image Generation

Go beyond text by generating graphs, diagrams, and custom imagery instantly.

Available Now Suggest Standards for Parsing

Analyzes parsed content and automatically attaches standards to the generated items.



Teacher Tools

Extra Credit Available Now

One of the most asked for features; teachers can now assign a question as extra credit!

Answer on Behalf of Students Available Now

Allows teachers to enter formative responses on behalf of a student in the grading sidebar.

Rubric Standards Tagging Available Now

Tag rubrics to standards to seamlessly monitor student progress over time.

Print Booklets Available Now

Print blank student assessments as well as matching Teacher Edition booklets.

Comparison Reporting Coming Soon

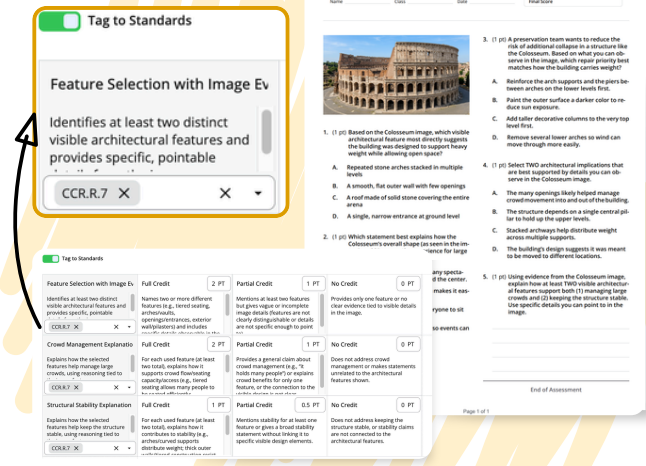
Reporting capabilities enhanced to show student growth across multiple assessments.

Check Answer Limits Coming Soon

Control how many times students can use Check Answer on an assignment.

Math Enhancements Ongoing

Graphing linear inequalities, numeric tolerance & ranges, and new in-house calculator.



Student Tools

Available Now Dark Mode

Supports accessibility and comfort through customizable light and dark display modes.

Coming Soon Line Reader

Lets students navigate dense passages and complex questions one line at a time.

Coming Soon Focus Mask

Students can use screen blocks to cover up distracting elements or nonessential content.

